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HONGKONG, MAY 8th, 1907.

There may be useful lessons learnt from
the perusal of even so unpromising a record
as the Annual Report of the Imperial
Chinese Post Office as to the latent capabil-
ities of China; and the lessons are not
confined to mere statistics of the number of
postal stations established, nor even the
number of the various descriptions of postal
matters dealt with. Most foreign residents
in China, when the scheme of a regular Post
Office in China was first mooted by Sir
ROBERT HART, were willingly enough
prepared to look on with a species of benevo-
lent complacency, not unmixed with
incredulity, for no one supposed either that
the Chinese Government took the most
languid interest in the affair, or that Sir
ROBERT HART had any contemplation of
extending his operations in connection with
the new department beyond the limits of
treaty ports where branches of the Maritime
Customs were already established. There
was a sort of feeling abroad that China had
not been altogether well treated in the
matter of the Post Office, and that the
establishment of Post Offices in the interior
of China by one or more of the Foreign

Powers, and more markedly by Germany
was not quite fair to China; and was more-
over the beginning of a bad precedent,
which in the case of Turkey had led to much
misunderstanding, and had in the long run
proved anything but advantageous to the
foreign residents themselves, in whose
interests the various Governments professed
that they were acting. Even in Shanghai,
which may be described as a Postal Valhalla,
where the six great Postmasters General
represent the Powers in Asgard, there has
been a lingering suspicion that the com-
munity has had to pay in delays and general
inefficiency for their over-much service,
and that it would be a blessing if some
system of centralisation could be devised
whereby the plain citizen would not have to
keep in continual mind the hours and
regulations of six separate nationalities, each
with its own peculiar views as to postal
amenities in general. It of course stands
to reason that a single concentrated service
could do many things within the limits of
the present settlements in the way of
accommodating itself to the public needs,
which would be practically impossible where
half a dozen separate staffs, each engaged in
going the same rounds and doing exactly
the same things, are at present engaged.
But then the possible danger arises,
that to change from our present unsatis-
factory condition to another untried
enterprise may be simply performing the
feat of jumping from the frying pan into
the fire. Here Mr. PIRY, the Postal
Secretary for the new Department, comes
to our assistance with a lucid Report on
the present working of the department;
which is especially interesting at the present
moment when China is so much in evidence,
especially with regard to her contemplated
reforms. Although the Inspector General
of Customs has long had in view the
extension of post office facilities through
China, it is only four or five years since
the enterprise left the incipient stage, and
commenced to push into the interior. A
map which accompanies Mr. PIRY's
Report shows that already it has branched
off into such remote localities of the Empire
as Suiningfu in the extreme west of Kansuh
and Tengyueh on the borders of Burma,
and that mails are now regularly carried to
and fro between the most remote districts
of the Empire. In the more advanced
localities, as in Kiangsu and Chekiang,
about Canton, in Szechwan, Chihli, and in
Central China about Hankow, the district
post offices cluster thick; and even in
Manchuria, where settled conditions are
only just beginning to mature, rapid
 strides are being made. These alterations
are not merely nominal but the whole
courier service from one end of China to
the other is being gradually transformed
and placed under effective supervision.
Such things have become possible only
through the active co-operation of the
Chinese Government. On the 6th Novem-
ber 1906 that Government created a new
department under the name of the Yuch-
wan Pu, or Board of Posts and Communi-
cations, at the head of which are a
President and two Vice Presidents, with a
numerous staff, and on the future action
of the Board really poses the ques-
tion whether the system is to prove
a blessing or a curse to the Empire
at large. Already, it is interesting
to learn, there are open 3,746 miles
of railway, while 1622 are actually under
construction, so that a fair begin-
ning has already been made for the new
department to start with. Up to the
present the Board has wisely refrained
from interfering with the system inaugu-
rated by Sir ROBERT HART, and has been
content to take his advice; and should
the same temper prevail at headquarters
we may rest fairly assured of the result
being beneficial to the Empire at large.
There are, of course, many difficulties to
be still surmounted. Up to the time of
starting the new service, the internal
postage service of China, so far as there was
any service at all, had been carried on by
private agencies. Considering all things it
was more dependable than native agencies
usually are, and with the exception that
it was confined to a comparatively few
lines, and that time was a thing that hardly
entered into consideration, the system was
fairly trustworthy, and considerable sums
of money were from time to time remitted
through these agencies. Before the com-
mencement of the new Postal Service the
coast and river steamers used to carry the
bags for these agencies free, but with the
inauguration of that service the Customs
insisted on all these mails being paid for.
At first it carried these clubbed mails
apparently altogether free, but the agencies
not being satisfied that all their mail
packages, however transmitted, whether by
steamer or railway did not go free com-

ced to get up an agitation. The result was
that these facilities were put an end to.
"This agitation having forced the attention
of the Government, explanations were asked,
and in supplying them prominence was
given by this Office to the abnormal
fact that annually, under the existing
regulations, some eight or nine millions of
letters, handled by private agencies, and
yielding a handsome profit, had actually to
be carried free by Imperial Post Office
agencies, notwithstanding the principle of a
legal tax established by Imperial Decree for
all letters official or private." The Govern-
ment aided by Sir ROBERT HART and the
Foreign Customs Establishment had in fact
quietly and without attracting public notice
made another huge step forward towards
centralisation, and under cover of a mere
letter carrying organisation has succeeded
in covering the land with Imperial Tax
offices. It is not necessary to discuss the
eventual results of this system, except to
point out that they form part of a settled
scheme of extending the power and prestige
of the Peking Government throughout the
entire Empire.

In another way the establishment of an
Imperial Post Office department has aided
in the same direction, and the opportunity
has been taken of opening up communica-
tions with the various Powers direct.
Although not in the Postal Union Peking
received in 1905 an invitation from the
Italian Government to send representatives
to the Postal Congress to be held last year.
This was the first formal invitation, and as
it fell clearly within the interests of Peking
it was on the advice of Sir ROBERT HART
immediately accepted. The Post Office has
taken the second great step, and has now
emerged from the discussion of postal affairs
as mere matters of home administration,
and has succeeded in having them recognised
as international matters. It is not to be
denied that this marks a step in advance,
which will be readily agreed on by all the
representatives of foreign interests in China;
but of course there are dangers ahead, and
it can hardly be said that China quite
grasps her opportunity. By the force of
circumstances China without any effort or
expenditure on her part has been put in
Postal communication with all the Powers
of the world, and characteristically thinks
she is entitled to the full benefit of all the
postage thence accruing. We have before
spoken of some of the undoubtedly unfair
advantages that have been taken of China's
heretofore unreadiness; but we are cer-
tainly not disposed to endorse all the
claims now put forward. "On the 1st
October the Hongkong Administration
opened a Branch Office at Tientsin in the
premises and under the control of the
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company
and towards the end of the year a Japanese
Post Office began business at Canton. On
the other hand the German and Japanese
agencies at Langku and Chinwangtao were
closed, as was also, in agreement with Ger-
many, the German Offices in Shanghai, that
at Tientsin excepted. It is interesting to note
from the above list that, notwithstanding
the fact that foreign Postal Agencies
might well be limited to the terminus
ports of foreign mail boats—Shanghai and
Canton (and possibly Tientsin)—they are
becoming more and more numerous. Alien
Post Offices were originally established
at treaty ports for the convenience of
the foreign communities doing business
there, and China recognised the fact while
she was still unable to offer the facilities of
a developed postal organisation. Of late
years however she has proved her ability
to deal with all kinds of mail matter, in-
ternational as well as domestic. In thus
fitting herself for Union requirements for
the chief benefit, as it is obvious, of
foreign residents, she aimed at securing
reciprocity, that is recognition of the postal
rights she is entitled to claim on her own
domestic soil." That is to say that she
considers herself entitled to take advan-
tage of the expenditure of her neighbours
on the provision of their Postal Services,
especially those of England and America, in
carrying letters for their own people at a
penny rate up to the coast of China, while
she, without the expenditure of a cash, is
to have the privilege of collecting on per-
mitting these letters to come on shore or
leave Chinese soil the entire full Union
rate of two pence half-penny! This is
"reciprocity" with a vengeance. Truly
the Inspector General, while willing to
appear in the character of the innocent dove,
would also appear with the guile of the
serpent.

The 19th plague fatality was recorded
yesterday.

Lance-Corporal Wong Fu-pak of the Shang-
hai Volunteers, Chinese Company, having died,
was accorded a military funeral on May 4th.

A sheriff in the Land Court at Tai-po has
absconded. His defalcations, which are un-
derstood to amount to about \$1,000 are covered by
his security. A warrant has been issued for
his arrest.

Last fortnight mysterious red finger-prints
appeared on door posts in Tientsin and caused a
scare. People attributed divine origin to them
and invested them with grave significance.
Attention is attracted to the large quantities of
arms reaching Tientsin.

As the population of Yokohama is yearly
increasing, the Yokohama Water-Works office
is contemplating an enlargement of the present
reservoirs so as to make them capable of
supplying water for 1,000,000 persons. The
present reservoirs are gradually being worked
to their utmost capacity.

The U.S. state department is in receipt
[May 3] of information from reliable sources
in China that another Boxer uprising will take
place in the near future. Missionaries in the
interior missions have sent their home societies
advises of an increase in the anti-foreign feeling
in many places and of unmistakable signs of
coming trouble.

A Grand National Exhibition of Japan will
be held from April 1st, 1912, to October 31st, in
Tokyo Prefecture. The organization of the
Exhibition Office is also announced. The Presi-
dent will be nominated by the Emperor from
Princes of the Blood, while the Vice-Presidency
is assigned to the Minister of Agriculture and
Commerce.

The Waipuu has lodged a protest with the
British Minister against the judgment on the
British subject Collins who some time ago, was
sentenced to one year's hard labour by the
British Consular Court in Tientsin, for being
connected with others in a conspiracy. The
Waipuu considers this sentence too light, and
asks for a more severe punishment.

Twenty Tibetan youths have been selected by
the Lhasa authorities to join the Government
Military Academy at Paoing, the capital of
Chihli province. After a four years' course the
cadets will join the Imperial Army for a year's
practical service and then return home to take
charge of, and instruct the Tibetan troops. It
is intended to send in all one hundred Tibetan
youths to study in the Government Military
Academies.

A romantic bargain was revealed in the sale
of a little book by Moore for £31 at Sotheby's
Auction Rooms, London, last month. The
volume was picked up a few months previously
for 21d. at a second-hand bookstall in the Mile
End Road. It is only an old part, and out-
wardly appears to be of very trifling value. The
purchaser found on a leaflet some curious
writing with the signature "Emma Hamilton,"
which was discovered to be that of the famous
Lady Hamilton.

A Tientsin dispatch states that it has been
decided that the rough draft of the Agreement
for the building of a railway between Tientsin
and Chinkiang shall be cancelled and a new
one substituted, the principal clauses of which
provide that a British syndicate shall construct
and provide the necessary funds for building
the southern half of the line, while a German
syndicate will do the same for the northern
half. A limit of time is given for the con-
struction work and a certain period allowed the
foreign syndicates to run the line after which
it shall be allowable for the Chinese to redeem
the railway.

Japanese Imperial Ordinance No. 157 was
published on April 25th prohibiting the
hunting of seals off Seal Island, Khabato.
The Ordinance takes effect from the day
of its publication. A Tokyo dispatch explains
that the measure is the outcome of an agree-
ment between the Japanese, British, American
and Russian Governments to hold a conference
and adopt suitable measures for the preserva-
tion of seals. The Japanese Government has
agreed to the request of the American Govern-
ment to stop seal-hunting until an understand-
ing has been arrived at between the four
Powers.

On the evening of April 25th at the
Pleasant Hotel, Yokohama, reports the Japan
Herald, the members of the Yokohama Yacht
Club assembled to bid farewell to Mr. G. H.
Seidmore, who has held the post of Com-
modore of the Club for many years, and who
is leaving the port to take up the duties of
U.S. Consul at Nagasaki, and also to present
him with a tangible token of the members'
esteem. The testimonial took the form of a
handsome silver flower bowl of chrysanthemum
pattern, mounted on a black wood stand,
on which was a silver plate bearing the follow-
ing inscription:—"A token of appreciation
from the members of the Yokohama Yacht
Club to their Commodore, Mr. G. H. Seidmore,
Yokohama, April 24th, 1907."

The Portuguese community of Hongkong has
lost a much respected member, and the Daily
Press Office a valued servant, by the death of Mr.
Charles E. Osmond, which occurred on Monday
afternoon at the premature age of 40. For
upwards of fifteen years Mr. Osmond had been
associated with the Daily Press Office, for
the last seven years as accountant, and
he died after an illness of scarcely three
weeks' duration. He was found to be suffering
from liver and heart trouble, but not until
Monday did his condition appear to be grave,
and his death came as a painful shock to his
many friends. The funeral took place last
evening in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at
Happy Valley. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzoni,
who officiated at the service in the Cathedral,
was present also at the graveside, where a
large number of relatives and friends assem-
bled to pay their final tribute of respect.

The police have recovered the medal which was
stolen from the neck of Mrs. Binn, wife of
Sergeant-Major Binn, on Sunday
afternoon on Kennedy Road by two Chinese,
who disarmed her suspicion at their approach
by pretending to catch butterflies.

Mr. H. A. Tezer, formerly of Hongkong,
met with a carriage accident on April 17th at
Bangkok. His pony bolted and collided with
another equipage. Mr. Tezer was stabbed by
the pole of the other carriage, and he is now in
hospital. He is expected to recover.

A second Suez Canal, to be built exclusively
with British capital, is projected, says the *Kobe
Herald* telegram. It is expected that the con-
cession will be granted in a few days. Berlin
is chagrined, as the proposed canal is regarded
as a competition with the Baghdad railway.

The committee of supply of the Reichstag
has passed the estimates for Kichow for the year
1907-1908, beginning with April 1. Admiral
von Tirpitz stated that the fortification of
Tsingtao is limited to defence against distur-
bances which may occur amongst the Chinese
population.

Vietnam Shun has got his way about not going
to Szechwan. He broke his journey at Peking,
and in an interview with his old friend and
admirer, easily persuaded the Empress Dowager
to cancel the obnoxious appointment. It is
reported that he has obtained a post with better
"chances," nearer the Throne.

Captain R. I. M. Barrett, of the Malay States
Guides, who has been seconded for service under
the Shanghai Municipal Council as head of the
Indian branch of the Police Force, arrived on
May 2 with Mrs. Barrett by the P. & O. S.
Nore. As an International Rugby Football
player and a member of the Hampshire Cricket
XI, Captain Barrett should prove as valuable
an addition to the Shanghai world of sports as he
will to the Police administration.

The efficiency cup, which always produces a
keen competition among the Hongkong
Volunteers has for the third year in succession
been won by the Right Half No. 2 Company
(Captain Armstrong). The order of merit is as
under:—

Right 1 No. 2 Company	2,692
Left 1 No. 1 Company	2,658
Left 2 No. 2 Company	2,657
Troop	2,604
Engineer Company	2,585
Right 1 No. 1 Company	2,478

The following Volunteer items appear in the
latest orders:—Lieut. J. S. Gubbay is granted
leave of absence out of the Colony for one
month with effect from the 27th April, and
Gunner L. Guy is granted leave of absence out
of the Colony for seven months with effect from
the 4th May, 1907. Mr. A. Morley joined on the
24th April and posted to the Troop. Mr. T. M.
Gregory joined on the 26th April, and is posted
to the Left Half No. 1 Company. Gunner
H. C. Gray, Right Half No. 2 Company, is
permitted to resign on leaving the Colony dated
23rd April, 1907, and Gunner J. Boyd, Left
Half No. 1 Company, is permitted to resign on
leaving the Colony dated 27th April, 1907.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, May 3rd.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (First
Police Magistrate).

AN INSOLENT POLICEMAN.

An Indian constable was charged at the in-
stance of the Captain Superintendent of Police
with disobeying lawful orders and being insolent
to his superior officer. His Worship inflicted
a fine of \$200 on the first charge, and on the
second sentenced defendant to fourteen days'
imprisonment.

AN EXTORTIONIST FINED.

F. W. Saape, residing at the Sailors' Home,
prosecuted a sampans man for demanding more
than his legal fare. When he paid fifty cents
which was the proper fare, the man followed
him and demanded seventy-five cents. Fined \$3.

THE JAPANESE MURDER CHARGE.

The four Japanese who are charged with the
murder of a compatriot at a Japanese hotel in
Canton Road were again placed in the dock.
Evidence was heard and the men were again
remanded.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 7th at 12.25 p.m.—The barometer
is rising over Japan, and pressure has also
increased on the China coast, particularly in
the North.

The depression has passed to the E. of Japan.
Pressure is highest over Central China. It
is slightly lower over the Pacific to the S.E. of
Formosa.

Fresh N.E. winds may be expected in the
Formosa Channel, and moderate variable winds
over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending
at 10 a.m. to-day, 3.12 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon
to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood	E. winds, moderate, or fresh, (thundershowers)
Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, fresh.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lianchoek	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Taiwan	Same as No. 1.

The twentieth century woman is more the
friend and comrade of man than she has ever
been, because she is intellectually, if not
politically, equal.

Sunny skies we admire, of course, but the
woman is who provides a sunny atmosphere
for herself. Such a woman is rare, but when
we find her we have found the pearl above price.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

THE FRANCO-JAPANESE
AGREEMENT.

LONDON, May 7th.

Negotiations in the Franco-Japanese
agreement [for the inviolability of
their respective Far Eastern posses-
sions] are officially confirmed.

[Japan recognizes the influence of France
in South China, and France the Japanese
position in Northern China. A Tokyo tele-
gram to the *North-China Daily News* says
that there is every reason to believe that a
Franco-Japanese Agreement has entered. It
has for its object the mutual respect of French
rights in Formosa, Korea and the Liaoning
peninsula. The signature is withheld until the
conclusion of the Russo Japanese entente for
the preservation of the status post bellum in
the Far East; the entente in turn depends on
the commercial and fishery negotiations now
nearing conclusion.]

JAPANESE PRINCE IN
ENGLAND.

LONDON, May 7th.

H. I. H. Prince Fushimi arrived on
Monday evening, and exchanged
visits with His Majesty the King.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, May 7th.

Ian MacLaren is dead, aged 57 years.

[The Rev. John Watson (Ian MacLaren), a
famous writer of Scottish and other stories,
was educated at the Stirling Grammar
School, the Edinburgh University from which
he graduated as M.A. and at Tubingen, Ger-
many. He was licensed by the Free Church of
Scotland in 1874, and appointed assistant
to the Rev. Dr. Watson at Barclay Church,
Edinburgh. He was ordained minister of
Logie-Almond Free Church, 1875; Free
St. Matthews, Glasgow, 1877; and was
Lynman Beecher lecturer at Yale University
in 1896. In 1900 he was moderator of the
Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England.]

SHANGHAI RACES.

SHANGHAI, May 7th.

SECOND DAY.

On the second day of the races
the results were:—

THE CHU-KA-ZA CUP.—Value, Tls. 250. For
China Ponies. Three-quarters of a mile.

* Mr. O. H. Potts' Feather King (Mr. Cumming) —

* Mr. John Peel's Cutsword (Mr. Johnston) —

Mr. Quebec's Bario (Mr. Moller) ... 3
Time 1 min. 31 2/5 secs.

* Dead Heat.

THE SHANGHAI DERBY.—Value, Tls. 750.

For China Ponies, being bona fide griffins at
date of entry. One mile and a half.

Mr. W. H. Potts' Maucha King (Mr. Cumming) 1

Mr. Quebec's Mystic (Mr. Moller) ... 2

Messrs Oswald and Hunter's Ravenshoe (Mr. Watts) 3

Time 3 min. 14 1/2 secs.

THE MONGOLIAN PLATE.—Value, Tls. 200. For
subscription griffins of this meeting. One
mile and a quarter.

Messrs. Nephew and Robson's Rheingold (Mr. Hayes) 1

Messrs. Oswald and Hunter's Pionie (Mr. Burkill) 2

Mr. G. H. Potts' Kaffir King (Mr. Cumming) 3

Time 2 mins. 43 secs.

THE RACE CLUB CUP.—Value, Tls. 250. For
China Ponies. Two miles.

Mr. John Peel's Quora (Mr. Johnston) ... 1

Mr. Henry Morris' Heathfield (Mr. Crighton) 2

California's Comanche (Mr. Moller) ... 3

Time 4 mins. 26 secs.

THE GRAND STAND STAKES.—Value, Tls.
250. For China ponies, being bona fide
griffins at date of entry. One mile and a
quarter.

Uncle Charlie's Tussock (Mr. Tom Watts) 1

Mr. G. H. Potts' Mongol King (Mr. Cumming) 2

Mr. Clouet's On Time (Mr. Campbell) 3

Time—2 min. 40 4/5 secs.

THE SICCAMEE CUP.—Value, Tls. 300. For
China Ponies. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Barley's Moriak (Mr. A. Watts) 1

Mr. Marius' Argente (Mr. Moller) 2

Mr. John Peel's Ard Patrick (Mr. Johnston) 3

Time—2 min. 36 2/5 secs.

THE PEKING STAKES.—Value, Tls. 200. For
Subscription griffins of this meeting. One
mile.

Mr. Mellow's Mira (Mr. Burkill) ... 1

* Mr. Jeddmore's Toman (Mr. Moller) —

* (Mr. Ellis' Kadooris' Nepal Chief (Mr. Crighton) —

* Dead heat. Time—2 min. 07 4/5 secs.

THE SHANGHAI STAKES.—A forced entry of
Tls. 5, with Tls. 100 added. For all China
ponies otherwise entered at this meeting.
One mile and a half.

Mr. Beverly's Brockton (Mr. Hayes) ... 1

Mr. Marius' Aurelius (Mr. Arthur Watts) 2

Mr. Mowat's Starlight (Mr. Dalgleish) 3

Time—3 min. 13 2/5 secs.

THE SERRING CUP.—Value Tls. 250. For China
ponies that have started at this meeting, and
never won a race. One mile.

Mr. N. W. Hickling's Mayberry (Mr. Johnston) 1

Uncle Charlie's Ladis (Mr. Tom Watts) 2

Mr. G. H. Potts' Southern King (Mr. Crighton) 3

Time—2 min. 51 1/5 secs.

THE SCURRY STAKES.—Value, Tls. 250. For
China ponies being bona fide griffins at date
of entry. Seven furlongs.

Mr. G. H. Potts' Mougol King (Mr. Cumming) 1

Uncle Charlie's Tyrant (Mr. Hooper) 2

The Ring's Scaum (Mr. Hayes) 3

Time—1 min. 49 1/5 secs.

Italy	9,678,009	8,592
Great Britain	3,449,100	8,592
Germany	—	52
Canada	41,662	118
Russia	954,394	451

Besides the above a quantity was exported to Hawaii, Egypt, China, Spain, etc. The worsty feature is that whereas there was no export to Germany before the war, the market was opened last year, when a worth of silk worsts exported to Russia was paid to the effect of the late war.

NOTICE.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

WE BEG TO NOTIFY our Customers that we have this day dissolved our Chinese, English, and Foreign business and to make any payments to him for our account.

J. BYRAMJEE & CO.
Successors to P. C. PATTEL & Co.
Hongkong, 7th May, 1907. 392

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as Solicitors for and on behalf of the NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELSMAATSCHAPPIJ, it is our intention to apply to the Legislative Council of Hongkong for leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for giving to a Foreign Company, called the NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELSMAATSCHAPPIJ, certain facilities for carrying on its business in the Colony."

The proposed Bill will appear in the next issue of the Government Gazette.

Dated this 7th day of May, 1907.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for and on behalf of
THE NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELSMAATSCHAPPIJ.

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TRIBUNAL CONSULAIRE DE FRANCE A FOURCHEOU.

AVIS.

Le Tribunal Consulaire de France a Fourcheou, par Jugement du 25 Avril 1907, a déclaré en état de faillite le Sr. VETCH (Francis), né à cette ville, et on a fixé l'ouverture au 15 Avril dernier.

Les créanciers du failli sont invités à déposer leurs créances à la 2^e Bureau, 5^e étage de la faillite, au Consulat de France. Les débiteurs sont également invités à se libérer entre les mains de M. THOMY, qui a seul qualité pour leur donner quittance, celle-ci portant également le visa du Juge-Commissaire.

Fourcheou, 16 Avril, 1907.

Le Consul de France
Président du Tribunal Consulaire
H. BOURGEOIS.

TRIBUNAL CONSULAIRE DE FRANCE A FOURCHEOU.

AVIS.

By Judgement of 25th April 1907, the French Consular Court at Fourcheou has found Bankrupt Mr. FRANCIS VETCH, merchant in the above mentioned town, and fixed upon the 15th of April as date of opening of the Bankruptcy.

Creditors are requested to notify their debts to Mr. THOMY, assignee of the Bankruptcy, at the French Consulate, and debtors to obtain discharge from the said assignee, who is alone qualified to give them receipts which will bear visa of the Commissioner-Judge.

Fourcheou, 26th April, 1907.

Le Consul de France
Président du Tribunal Consulaire
H. BOURGEOIS.

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TRIBUNAL CONSULAIRE DE FRANCE A FOURCHEOU.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, On FRIDAY, the 10th May, 1907, at 2.30 p.m., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road (Corner of Lee Hom Street), SUNDREY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—

DRAWING ROOM SUITE, IRON and BRASS BEDSTEPS, MARBLE TOP WASHSTANDS, DRESSING TABLE, OVERMANTLE, SIDEBOARDS, DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, BOOK CASES, TEAKWOOD WRITING DESKS, CARPETS, RUGS, VIENNA and OFFICE CHAIRS, CROCKERY and GLASS WARE, CHEST OF DRAWERS, ELECTRIC FANS, COOKING STOVE, PICTURES, COPYING PRESSES, &c., &c.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HUGHES,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1907. 836

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND POOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN."

Captain A. J. Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 10th inst., at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage apply to
DOUGLAS, LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1907. 890

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Goods by the above-named vessel and from Aden, etc., should be addressed to the Undersigned, who are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th inst., at 3 p.m.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst., will be subject to suit.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 17th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th May 1907. 895

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"OCEANIAN."

Captain Magnien, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 13th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1907. 2

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED, OF COPENHAGEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"SIAM."

having arrived, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst., will be subject to suit.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 13th inst., at 3.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 20th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1907. 9

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 8, George Street, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), 8th May, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 24th Feb., 1907, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 25th April to 8th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1907. 797

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND at the Rate of Twenty per Cent, being TWELVE DOLLARS PER SHARE, on the Paid-up Capital of the above Association has been declared Payable, in Cash at Exchange, 73, at the CHANGHAI BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA or THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Shanghai, on and after this date, to Shareholders of record on the 22nd April, 1907.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. JACKSON,
Secretary.

Shanghai, 27th April, 1907. 835

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATES No. 7735/7738

dated 1st September, 1902, of the Shares Nos. 876/890, 14981/14995, 19036/19040, 6746/6780 and 1811/1841 in this Company, standing in the name of Mr. ARNOLD DITTMAR of Manila, have been LOST, and if at the expiration of one month from the date hereof, the above Documents be not forthcoming, other Certificates will be issued by the Company, and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

Dated 12th April, 1907.

W. E. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.

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THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

LOST.

TWO CERTIFICATES of 50 Shares each, standing in the Register of this Company in the name of FUNG MING SHAN have been LOST.

Scrip No. 961—39851/39900—50 Shares.

" " 962—39901/39950—50 " " "

100 Shares.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

Duplicate Certificates for the said 100 Shares will be issued one month hence, and that the Original Certificates, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

By Order of the Directors,
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 861

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1907. 478

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Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. 505

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Hongkong, 7th May 1907. 895

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of One Shilling and Six Pence per share for account of year ending 28th February, 1907, has been declared by the Directors of the above Company. Coupon No. 8 is Payable on 1st May at the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China and the Russo-Chinese Bank at Tientsin and Shanghai.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 851

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED will be held at the Company's Registered Office No. 2, Queen's Road West, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 14th day of May, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, when the subject of the Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 27th April, 1907, will be submitted for Confirmation as Special Resolutions:

1. That clause 3 of the Memorandum of Association be altered by inserting for the words "the objects for which the Company is established are" the words "Sub-clause A" and by adding at the end of "Sub-clause A" new sub-clauses to be lettered B and C.

(b) To insure against loss or damage by fire all houses and all other buildings and erections, treasure, household furniture, goods, wares, merchandise, chattels and effects whatsoever in Hongkong, China, Japan or elsewhere and the pursuit of the business of fire insurance generally and the doing of such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

(c) To re-insure any risk in whole or in part.

Dated the 29th day of April, 1907.

By Order of the Board,
CHAU SIU KI,
Secretary.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 31st day of May, 1907, at NOON for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, of passing the following Resolutions:—

1. That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorized by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Company to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinance under which the Company is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the capital of the Company being from time to time increased by the issue of new shares of the Company.

2. That from the date of such new Ordinance coming into operation and becoming effective the Capital of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be increased from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 by the creation of 40,000 New Shares of \$125 each to be issued at the price of £30 on the terms after mentioned. Shareholders on the Eastern Calendar to pay for their allotment at the rate of Exchange for the Company's demand Bills on London on the day the instalments are due.

3. That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to Shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every two shares of which on the 31st day of May, 1907, Shareholders shall respectively be the Registered Holders and that any New Shares not so accepted by the Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose, be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interests of the Company.

4. That the payment of the sum of £30 per Share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows, viz:—

1st instalment of £15 on the 1st day of July, 1907.

2nd and final instalment of £15 on the 1st day of October, 1907.

5. That the Directors issue to Shareholders holding shares not a multiple of two, a fractional certificate in respect of each share in excess of or below the multiple and allot one New Share to every person who shall produce two such Fractional Certificates on or before the 1st day of July, 1907, and pay the first instalment in respect thereof.

That after payment of the first instalment and pending payment of the remaining instalment, Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine be issued in respect of such New Shares entitling the holders on payment of the remaining instalment, and subject to such other terms as to approved, date for lodging scrip certificates and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe, to be registered as the owners of the Shares respectively represented by such Scrip Certificates.

7. That interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum be allowed out of the profits of the Company on instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due, and that registered holders of Scrip Certificates for New Shares be entitled in respect of such New Shares to participate in future dividends on an equality with the old shares, in proportion to the instalments paid up, and from due dates for payment of same.

8. That interest at the rate of 8 per centum per annum be charged on each instalment not punctually paid, and be paid with each such instalment.

9. That all monies received from premium on the said New Shares be added to the Reserve Fund.

For THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1907. 853

INTIMATIONS

BRITISH STEAMER "NETHERTON".

BY ORDER OF THE UNDERWRITERS, the Undersigned are prepared to receive Tenders for the purchase of the above Steamer as she now lies at Singapore in a Fire Damaged condition.

GILMAN & Co.,
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Hongkong, 6th May, 1907.

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Hongkong, 22nd April, 1907. 675

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VOLUNTEER PARADE GROUND,
kindly lent by the
Commandant and Officers, I.L.K.V.C.,
on
SATURDAY, 11th May, 1907.

The following Ladies and Gentlemen will assist:—Miss BLAIR, Mrs. R. HANCOCK, Mrs. R. H. NEWBORN, and Messrs. GOLDRICK, GRACE, LAMMER, JOKI, SUTHERLAND, WOODBURN, and the ALEXANDRA QUARTETTE.

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Hongkong, 6th May, 1907. 881

YUET-HAN RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Attention of the Public is drawn to Clause No. 26 of the YUET-HAN RAILWAY COMPANY'S Regulations:—

"This Company has been formed by Chinese Merchants who shall invite Chinese Subjects only to subscribe for Shares. The Railway shall be constructed by themselves. Foreigners are denied the privilege of subscribing for shares in the Company."

"Chinese Subjects, who have been naturalized as Subjects of Foreign Countries, shall be recognized as Chinese Subjects by the Company and are allowed to subscribe. Such Shareholders shall be treated as Chinese Subjects and shall not claim the privileges of a Foreign Subject. Should they interfere in any way the Company is hereby empowered to cancel their shares and is to interest and privileges with the Company shall be withdrawn from them."

CHENG TO CHAI,
President of
The Yuet-Han Railway Company Ltd.
Canton, 9th April, 1907. 743

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

WE have this day taken over the business of EDM. JOHANNSEN, and will conduct same in future under the style of BUMANN & BERBLINGER.

BUMANN & BERBLINGER,
Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 845

NOTICE.

FROM THIS DATE M. CLAUDIUS PRAVIEUX is authorized to sign our Firm by Procuration.

HERBERT DENT & CO.,
Canton, 3rd May, 1907. 877

NOTICE.

WE have this day authorized Mr. FRITZ LUB to sign our Firm.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.,
Hongkong, 6th May, 1907. 886

NOTICE.

MITSU BISHI GOSHI-KWAISHA.

DURING my Temporary Absence from this port Mr. Y. SHIBUYA will take Charge of the Office of the above named Company.

T. MATSUKI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1907. 878

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